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SECURITY INFORMATION

MANDATE OF GENERAL STEPS RASTKIS AS CHIEF

OF VLK'S MILITARY SECTION

1. General Steps Rastkis is appointed Chief of VLK's Military Section.
2. As Chief of this Military Section, he is directed to carry out the following type of work, with the actual cooperation of and under the direction of the Americans:
  - a. Establish and maintain communications with Lithuania.
  - b. Furnish material and financial support to the resistance in the country and elsewhere.
  - c. Make necessary preparations within Lithuania for any possible war with the Soviet Union.
  - d. Collect information regarding all phases of life and activity in present-day Lithuania. All means available will be used to accomplish this collection.
  - e. Perform such other tasks as may be necessary to accomplish items a through d above.
3. It is guaranteed that General Rastkis is fully authorized to participate in above activities without further recourse to or permission from VLK. He is fully authorized to enter into any agreements, alliances, etc. with any other party, as far as technical operations are concerned, provided the Americans concur in and approve such actions.
4. It is agreed that General Rastkis is not required to report or give account of any of his above activities to VLK without the prior permission of the Americans. This agreement is made in view of security reasons. The exception to this agreement is contained in paragraph 5 below.
5. VLK will receive, at least once a year, a general report on General Rastkis' activities from him. This report will be shown to the Americans for their convenience before delivery to VLK, in order to insure that it will not contain anything that could endanger the security of operations.
6. The only point on which VLK does not grant General Rastkis independence is in the matter of sending political instructions and giving morale support to the troops. In all these matters, it is agreed that such instructions will be formulated with the assistance, cooperation, and concurrence of VLK and such other parties as VLK may wish to designate, if any.
7. It is agreed that VLK will be consulted on matters of propaganda.
8. It is agreed that VLK will be furnished all news, mentioned in paragraph 2d above which are deemed by General Rastkis and the Americans to be not secret.
9. This agreement will become effective if and when concurred with by General Rastkis.
10. General Rastkis' official residence will be in Germany.

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